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NCYC '95 MISSION STATEMENT

**"To construct a community
which so reflects the
Kingdom of God that
people will be changed."**



by DAVID GARDINER and LISA CHAPMAN

AFTER crossing the Nullarbor on a bus without air conditioning, spending hours on a train, coach, plane or car, or maybe just driving from home a few suburbs away — you have arrived at NCYC'95.

Stu Cameron, Convention Manager for NCYC'95, welcomes all delegates here to Adelaide, exactly 40 years after the very first NCYC took place in Sydney.

"There are 2000 delegates here at NCYC representing over 10 different countries including Thailand, Papua New Guinea and Tonga. We're hoping that everyone will have a great time," he said.

You may be feeling a little daunted at the number of people here at NCYC, but keep in mind that most people here know as few, if not fewer, people than you do.

Take the time to introduce yourself to complete strangers. There's a statistic floating around the *L'Edge* office that 1% of delegates meet their future partners at NCYC — so it could be worth your while.

The theme for NCYC'95 is *The Edge*, and it is the vision of this convention to explore the idea of living on the edge of a dream, and having the nerve to take the next step, knowing that God is there with you.

Each day this week, we will look at a different aspect of living on the edge. *Community on the edge* and *The edge of discovery* are just two of the themes.

You have been called to the edge, to step out of your comfort zone and risk with God. It is our hope and prayer that NCYC is a meaningful and enjoyable experience for you all.

Over the last two years, an NCYC'95 language has evolved. We have taken the liberty of putting together an NCYC dictionary in an attempt to help you understand what we mean when we say, "There's an OS delegate, you know, from PNG, which means they're from a NESB." See page 2.

We have also tried to explain the transport system for the week, so you can get back to your own community at the end of each day and not end up somewhere totally unfamiliar. *That's on page 2 as well.*

Good luck, and from all of us L'Eds — have an excellent week.



NCYC dictionary

A The first entry in the official NCYC dictionary.
C Any bus with the letter C on it will go to the communities at Mawson, Immanuel and Sacred Heart.
Cameron, Stu Crazy man who organises fantastic Christian youth conventions. Should be sponsored by Coca Cola.
Convention Centre Place where everything follows tradition or The venue for NCYC's evening rallies.
Croweater Affectionate term for a South Aussie.
Eddie the Edgahog Cute, cool furry echidna mascot of NCYC'95.
Edgelet Centre A mini-NCYC that is being held for all the little people at NCYC (age 0 - 12).
Festival A fantastic event on the Wednesday of convention at Scotch college.
FNQ Far North Queensland.
GL Any bus with the letters GL on it will go to the communities at Annesley, the Gaol, Lincoln, Aquinas, Luther and St. Annes.
G'Day Mate The Australian equivalent of Hello.
Hot House Most houses at Coober Pedy that are built above ground or the great debates held in the afternoons at Scotch College.
L'Ed Marvellous person, a delight to work with, always kind with the red pencil, oh yeah — shes our boss too!
LEdge The best, most excellent, coolest NCYC'95 newspaper that ever there was.
Kohler, Rebecca Crazy woman who organises excellent Christian youth conventions, and plans on recovering from NCYC by getting married.
Multitrip A ticket with 10 two-hour trips that can be used on any Adelaide train, bus or tram.
N Any bus with the letter N on it will go to the community at Nunyara.
NCYC National Council of Yellow Cabs.
NCYC The most overused acronym at NCYC.
NESB Non English Speaking Background.
Nightlife Those buzzing insects that keep you awake at night.
OBahn A busway which guides special buses along a track from Adelaide to Tea Tree Plaza very quickly.
O.J. Former American Football player in a spot of bother.
O/S Del An over stressed delegate (probably from L'Edge) or an overseas delegate.
Overseas Delegate a delegate who came from overseas.
P Any bus with the letter P on it will go to the communities at Urrbrae and the Passionist Retreat Centre.
Pie Floater The legendary last number of pi or a scrumptious culinary creation of a meat pie immersed in steamy pea soup. Yum.
PNG Papua New Guinea.
Recursive See Recursive.
S Any bus with the letter S on it will go to the communities at Scotch.
Tasmania Where Australia's overseas delegates come from and where NCYC'97 will be held.
The Edge Hog Shop The merchandise shop where you can buy anything from NCYC caps to key rings.
TransAdelaide Transport provider for NCYC'95, and Adelaide's public transport.
Transfers What you get when you are trying to look cool, but are too scared of what your Mum will think if you actually get a real tattoo, or how you get from one venue to another at NCYC.
U.T. Roast Lamb or Uniting Technology, the hardworking people who provide technical support for NCYC'95.
W Any bus with the letter W on it will go to the communities at West Beach and Henley High.
Z The last entry in the official NCYC dictionary.

What is L'Edge?

WHAT is L'Edge? It is a question that the L'Editors have asked many times, and we are sure to ask ourselves the same question during the week of NCYC.

But seriously, We are the NCYC'95 newspaper. We are here to keep you informed during the week of NCYC. L'Edge will keep you informed about coming events, speakers, nightlife, how to catch your train or bus and much, much more.

Don't forget, we're your newspaper for the week, so we would like to get some feedback from you.

To allow you to do this we will have a letters to the Editor (that's me, so please write, as I would love to hear from you all) section starting tomorrow. You can place these letters in the box in the Convention Centre foyer, or drop them into the L'Edge Office at Scotch College by 12.30 pm. We ask that these letters be no longer than 200 words.

The letters printed may not necessarily be the opinion of the L'Edge team or NCYC management.

If you need information or a article printed in the newspaper, we ask that you have it at the L'Edge office by 12.30 pm the day before it needs to be published.

We hope you enjoy reading L'Edge and we look forward to hearing your comments on any issue relating to NCYC and any suggestions you may have for us. So start writing. — Megan Kirk

What's a Ledgend?

IT HAS been reported that a swarm of mysterious orange and purple people have invaded NCYC. Not only have they invaded NCYC, they've also made themselves at home by continually smiling, entertaining and greeting people.

But don't fear. They're not from another planet. Nor have they just walked off the set of a Star Trek episode. Rather, they are Ledgends and they are making their first appearance at NCYC'95. The reason for the Ledgends being here is to help you and me during the week of the convention.

What is a Ledgend you may ask? They are delegates just like you and me and they are here to make sure that everyone enjoys NCYC.

Ledgends will be around throughout NCYC to give delegates directions to buses, venues,

electives, nightlife venues and any other locations that seem to have disappeared from your map.

Ledgends will also be a source of general information about NCYC. They should be able to give you information about things that are on as well as being able to help you contact the appropriate people if an emergency arises. So feel free to approach them. I promise they won't bite.

Not only will they provide information to make finding things easier, they will also entertain us on occasions during the convention. They will be performing amazing feats on mini trampolines, rollerblades, basketball rings and in echidna suits, to name just a few.

So watch out for the swarm of purple and orange people. You're guaranteed to be entertained. — Megan Kirk

Transport time table - Sunday, January 8



Scotch College to Communities

Bus	Destination	Scheduled departures
N	Nunyara	2 pm, 2.45 pm, 3.20 pm, 4 pm.
P	Urrbrae Passionist	12.50 pm, 1 pm, 2.05 pm, 4.25 pm.
GL	Annesley, Gaol, Lincoln, Aquinas, Luther, St Annes.	1.05 pm, 1.40 pm, 1.55 pm, 2.30 pm, 2.55 pm, 3 pm, 3.20 pm 3.55 pm, 4.05 pm.
C	Mawson, Immanuel, Sacred Heart	1.25 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.05 pm, 3.30 pm.
W	West Beach, Henley High	12.40 pm, 1.15 pm, 1.50 pm, 3.45 pm.

Communities to Convention Centre

Bus	Pick-up point	Departures Start
N	Nunyara	4.40 pm
P	Urrbrae Passionist	5 pm 5.29 pm
GL	Annesley College Annesley Tent Gaol Lincoln Aquinas Luther, St Annes	5.10 pm 5.22 pm 5.46 pm 5.30 pm 5.28 pm 4.45 pm 4.45 pm
C	Mawson Immanuel Sacred Heart	4.40 pm 4.40 pm 5.26 pm
W	West Beach Henley High	4.45 pm 4.45 pm
S	Scotch	5.15 pm

Convention Centre to Communities

Bus	Destination	Scheduled departures
N	Nunyara	9.15 pm, 9.21 pm.
P	Urrbrae Passionist	9.20 pm, 9.30 pm, 9.48 pm.
GL	Annesley, Gaol, Lincoln, Aquinas, Luther, St Annes.	9.17 pm, 9.22 pm, 9.48 pm, 10.13 pm.
C	Mawson, Immanuel, Sacred Heart.	9.15 pm, 9.25 pm, 9.43 pm.
W	West Beach, Henley High	9.15 pm, 9.42 pm, 10 pm.
S	Scotch	10.25 pm.

LUGGAGE: Affix labels to your luggage, which will then be delivered to your community before you return from the evening celebration. Please retain any items you will need beforehand (e.g. purse, medication, camera).



Duffy - a man with something to say!

CHRISTIAN life is not about a step. It's about the long haul. It's not about speed. It's about distance.

That's the message Duffy Robbins presented when he visited Adelaide last year. Tonight, he'll return to the Adelaide Convention Centre to challenge us to *live on the edge*.

The man, who shares his name with a cartoon duck, — well, almost — presents a powerful message. Although, as you'd guess by his name, he also has a sense of humour.

Duffy is Chairperson of the Department of Youth Ministry at East-

ern College, Pennsylvania. He has spoken across the USA at youth retreats and conventions, as well as at workshops for youth workers.

More importantly, he's a man who can relate to young people.

When he speaks you get the feeling that Duffy's been asked every question that young people can throw at him. His understanding of the issues and pressures young people face is not bad for a "man with the gift of baldness."

(We're not being disrespectful, Duffy coined that phrase himself! —Ed)

"I started youth ministry be-

cause I was a teenager when I became a Christian. I sensed a great need," explains Duffy.

"Now that I'm older I put my emphasis on making sure I can communicate with young people at their level.

"I'm not a peer. I'm not a parent. I'm there to help young people meet God — and I really enjoy it."

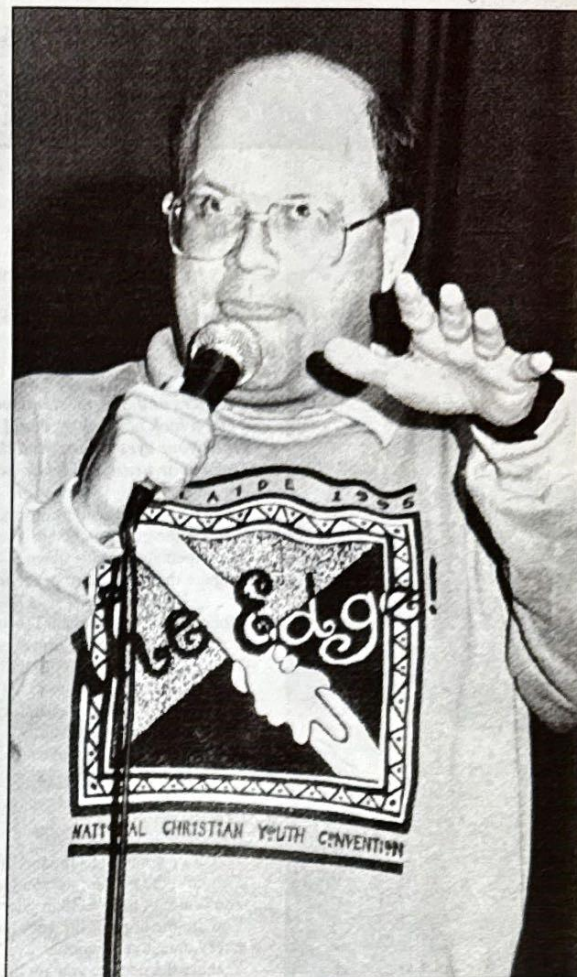
Duffy is also author of a number of resource books for Youth Workers. (The NCYC book shop, Crossbow Books, stocks Duffy's books. Come and take a look!)

Duffy knows that God isn't limited by our perceptions.

"God doesn't fit in our boxes.

"Most teenagers today find it hard to believe that they could ever have been a gleam in their father's eye ... in the eye of their parents, or even a source of hope or promise in their heavenly father."

Duffy believes that many young people can't see their own potential.



Duffy Robbins in action

Don't forget... wear your NAME TAG at all times



Our picture shows, from left, Jasmyne Burton, Jill Burton, Trevor Burton, Pranee Pinkrakum and Cherise Burton.

Pranee comes from Thailand

by LISA CHAPMAN

ONE of the exciting things about NCYC is the chance it provides to meet people of different cultures. NCYC delegates are here in Adelaide from over 10 different countries. One of those countries is Thailand.

Pranee Pinkrakum has come from Thailand with two other young people to attend NCYC. She arrived in Australia on Sunday, January 1, and returns home on Monday 16. She is 26 years old, lives in Huay Kien (near Chiang-Mai) and works as an accountant in Sankampaeng. She is involved in youth leadership in her church.

Many other overseas delegates like Pranee arrived in Adelaide several days before NCYC, and spent that

time staying in congregations where other young people are attending NCYC. That way each overseas delegate knows some other people before coming to NCYC.

Pranee was staying with the Burton family of Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church because their daughter Cherise met Pranee when she was in Thailand in early December as part of the Ignition program.

In the week before NCYC Pranee visited the Cleland National Park where she saw koalas and kangaroos for the first time. She also travelled to Victor Harbor where she spent time with the two other Thai delegates who were staying in Goolwa.

The week was spent acclimatising to Australian culture which involved trying some of our food including Vegemite which she thought tasted okay.



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Song of Utopia (You are the candle)

Do you ever ask yourself why
Hungry babies have to cry,
While some people are so poor
The rich just ask for more
Do you blame the poor for being
Or are you simply not seeing
If your heart bleeds for souls like these,
Then listen to me please.

CHORUS

*Brothers and Sisters, stand with me
Take a look at what we could be
Open your eyes, see beyond the skin
Open your heart and let the world in.*

You are the candle in the storm, the rainbow in the rain
You are the hope on the horizon and the healer of the pain,
The expectation of the dawn, a light through the haze,
You are the provider of peace for coming days.

When you look at me, am I just another face
Do you see a person or do you see a race
Your own face behind coloured glass,
Or An inhuman figure do I cast
Do you believe wars tragic story
Of suffering behind the glory
Is land worth so many lives
Is war murder in your eyes.

CHORUS

You are the nation of dreams and voices
You hold the power and you have the choices,
The future of all is held in your hand
You are the hope of the your land.
Every man, every women, every boy and girl.
You are the people, you are the world.

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Top 10

TOP 10 THINGS YOU FORGOT TO PACK FOR NCYC '95

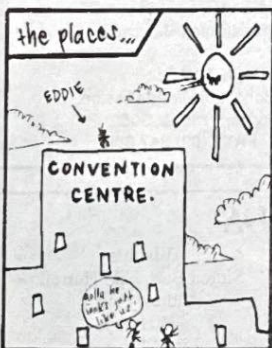
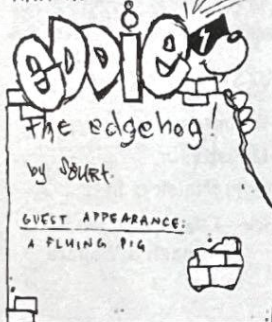
By Lisa Chapman

1. Soap.
2. Tent pegs.
3. Your Bible.
4. A change of underwear.
5. Sorbent loo paper.
6. Your toothbrush.
7. A teddy bear.
8. Deodorant.
9. A hair drier — don't despair, there are probably a few hundred around the place.
10. A phonecard to ring home and see if you left the iron on.

Prayer Points

- PRAY that all the delegates — whether from Australia or overseas — will feel welcome in their communities.
- PRAY for the safety and health of all delegates and volunteers.
- PRAY that all staff and volunteers will be blessed as they serve through NCYC'95.
- PRAY for Duffy Robbins as he comes to speak to us.

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